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Kobayashi et al., "Amidase coupled with low-molecular-mass nitrile hydratase from *Rhodococcus rhodochrous* J1 Sequencing and expression of the gene and purification and characterization of the gene product", Eur. J. Biochem., Vol. 217, 1993, pp. 327-336

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